

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-14, 16 and 17 remain in the application with claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 14, and 16 having been amended hereby and claims 2, 8, and 15 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the drawings.

Submitted herewith is a replacement sheet for Fig. 7 with the legend "Prior Art" added hereto. Also submitted is an annotated sheet showing changes.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the specification as containing informalities.

The three instances noted by the examiner in paragraph 2. of the instant official action have been corrected in the changes made to the specification hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 5-7, 12-14, and 17 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Kleijn.

In paragraph 5. of the instant official action, claims 2-4, 8-11, 15, and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2 in its entirety. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claim 7 has been amended hereby to include the allowable

subject matter of claim 8 in its entirety. Claim 8 has been cancelled.

Claim 14 has been amended hereby to include the allowable subject matter of claim 15 in its entirety. Claim 15 has been cancelled.

Therefore, by reason of the inclusion of allowable subject matter in the independent claims in this application it is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the cited reference.

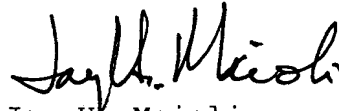
Accordingly, by reason of the amendment to the claims to include allowable subject matter and the cancellation of claims 2, 8, and 15, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in this application are now in condition for allowance.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention, as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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